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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1

Part B for June 1922

SUBJECT.

Abolition of the Explosives Branch of the Dept of Mines.

6306-66 & 27-6-22-

To Secy Dy. Supply & Mines
Secy Controller Mint & Exchange
Secy Chief Head of Depts.
Secy Special Officer on duty with Retrenchment Committee
Secy Secretary to the Govt Finance

Above orders sent ____

WD 1888—GPB—16,826—23-7-21

Ans

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Extract from the Ad interim Report of the Special Finance Committee.

Resolution No.13. Supervision of Mines.

The separate Explosives Branch may be abolished. It is understood that the magazines have been designed and rebuilt and that the bulk of the routine work of the branch lies on the Gold Fields. The Mining Inspection Staff may attend to it in addition to the other work.

2 This proposal will result in a saving of Rs12,000 per annum.

		Per annum. Rs.
1.	Inspector of Explosives (400-700) 700	7,800
2.	Assistant Inspector (125-25/2-250)	2,400
3.	Clerical and menial staff. 1(30-4-50) 4 Peons	828
		11,028
	Travelling Allowance etc.,,,,	972
	Total.	12,000

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Note.

3 The Committee recommend that the appointment of a separate Inspector of Explosives may be abolished and the work now done by him entrusted to the Chief Inspector of Mines and his subordinates.

4 This is expected to result in a saving of Rs.12,000 per annum.

5 The appointment of Inspector of Explosives was first made in 1900 under Government Notification No.112-G dated 5th October 1900 under which the State Geologist, Dr. Smeeth, was appointed as Chief Inspector of Explosives in Mysore in addition to his own duties. In 1905 Mr. A.T. Setlur, Assistant Geologist, was appointed as Inspector of Explosives to work under the Chief Inspector. When the Geological Department was re-organised in 1915 Mr. Setlur was appointed Inspector of Explosives and Deputy Inspector of Mines. In July 1919 when the Mining Branch of the Department of Mines and Geology was separated from the Geological Department, the Explosive Section was placed under the Administrative control of the Chief Inspector of Mines. The Inspector of Explosives was under this order divested of his duties as Deputy Inspector of Mines. As a result of this arrangement it was expected that he would be able to devote more attention than hitherto to the statutory inspection of Explosives and to see that the local inspections, by the Magistracy and Police were also carried out properly.

6 If a Regulation regarding storage and transport etc., of petroleum was passed it was contemplated that the inspection work under this Regulation would also be entrusted to this Inspector.

7 After the re-organisation of the Department of Mines in 1919 the Inspector of Explosives was given a small office staff costing Rs.888 per annum. His claim for being given the status and pay of the Head of the Department or a personal allowance of Rs.150 per month, as recommended by

Dr.Smeeth was disallowed.

8 When the representation above referred to, of the Inspector of Explosives was before Dr.Smeeth Dr. Smeeth said, in regard to the work of this Department as follows:-

Gr. 9 " Mr. Setlur has been relieved ~~from~~ work connected with the Department of Mines and Geology in order to devote his whole time to fuller and more regular inspection of Explosives, to the training of an Assistant and the organisation of the Storage and Inspection of petroleum. If faithfully and energitically performed, the work will keep the small staff very fully occupied and we can at length succeed in placing the Storage and manufacture of Explosives and the routine inspection of the same by the Magistracy and police on a sounder and more satisfactory footing than has been hitherto reached. "

10 But before the Special Finance Committee, Dr. Smeeth has reported to have given expression to views which are not quite in conformity with those expressed above.

11 The Progress Report of the Committee for the Week ending 11th March 1924, contains the following:-

"In regard to Dr.Smeeth's evidence on the subject,..." he was in favour of the abolition of the separate office of the Inspector of Explosives The Magazines had all been designed and rebuilt, the bulk of the work of the Explosive Branch was on the Gold Fields and its routine work can in his opinion be attended by the Mining Inspection Staff."

12 The latest report of the Inspector of Explosives shows that all the Magazines which he inspected during the year, with the exception of one belonging to Messrs. Best and Co., were within the Kolar Gold Fields. The report also contains elaborate statements of the licenses for Explosives issued by the Magistrates and the number of Premises in which Explosives were stored inspected by them. It is reported that as against 308 licenses issued during the year, (1921) the proportion of premises in which Explosives were stored which were inspected by the Magistrates was only 48.76 per cent.

13 It may however, be remarked that the proportion of Premises inspected by Magistrates is increasing year by year, the proportion ~~last year~~ in 1920 being 42 per cent and the year before ~~last~~, 35.26 per cent.

14 As the Committee are supported by Dr.Smeeth in their recommendation for the abolition of the separate appointment of Inspector of Explosives the question arises whether the Inspection Work directly carried out by the Inspector may not be entrusted to the Chief Inspector of Mines and the separate establishment of Explosives ~~X~~ entirely done away with.

15 The Second point which arises for consideration in this case is in regard to Mr. A.T.Setlur. This Officer has been in charge of the Department of Explosives since 1905. He has put in altogether 37 years' service under Government and will be 53 years old next August.

16 The appointment of Assistant Inspector of Explosives which was sanctioned by Government has not yet been filled up. There is however, a pro-

probationer attached to this office who is drawing a salary of Rs.82/- per month.

17 I am unable to agree with the Committee & the recommendations should not be given effect to.

18 I therefore do not recommend

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19 For Warden with compliments to Chief Secretary

20 Circulate

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21 I also agree in the above

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Extract from the Proceedings of the 610th *Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Mahaṛaja, held at Mysore on the* 11th May 1922. *19* .

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298. **Subject. - Clause xii of the schedule.**

Recommendation of the Special Finance Committee for the abolition of the office of the Inspector of Explosives.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

The recommendation of the Special Finance Committee may be accepted, and the present Inspector of Explosives may be retired under Article 292 of the Mysore Service Regulations.

(Signed) A. R. BANERJI,

Dewan of Mysore.

"EXTRACT"

Chief Secretary to Government.

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File No. 68 of 1921-22

Serial No.	
	23. Submitted with Extract of the Council Resolution.
6438-444. 13.5.22.	First Member) 14/5/22
	24 D.J.I approved Rees 15.5.22
	25 D.S.N. Subd. Dewan) 15/5

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Final Note by the First Member of Council.

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Subject:—

Recommendation of the Special Finance Committee regarding the work of the Explosives Branch of the Geological Department.

Page 1 of office Note

The Special Finance Committee recommend that the separate Explosives Branch may be abolished ~~and~~ the work now done by the Inspector of Explosives being entrusted to the Chief Inspector of Mines and his subordinates. This recommendation is expected to result in a saving of Rs.12,000/- per annum.

2. Dr. Smeeth is also reported to be in favour of the abolition of the separate Office of the Inspector of Explosives.

3. The subject was considered in Council on the 11th instant and Page 6 of do the following opinion was recorded:-

"The recommendation of the Special Finance Committee may be accepted and the present Inspector of Explosives may be retired under Article 292 of the Mysore Service Regulations."

4. I solicit His Highness' gracious approval to the recommendation of the Council.

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15th May 1922. 15-5-22 MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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Submitted to His Highness.

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I submit herewith a Final Note by the First *Member of Council on the* ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Recommendation of the Special Finance Committee regarding the work of the Explosives Branch of the Geological Department, *for His Highness' gracious approval.*

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

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Subject.

Proposals for the abolition of the separate Explosives Branch.

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Order.

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretari s concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circutated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

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Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of

His Highness' orders $\frac{\text{before}}{\text{after}}$ issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 or the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....General..... Department. 31/5 from dept 31/5

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL Seen
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Recd. from Gl. Secrtt. on. 29/6 after issue.

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SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL

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Submitted with a draft

Hd. 7-6-22 Sec'y 7/6/22 For approval

14/6/22

Gl Sec'y

38 Please put up a typed copy after careful revision.

Sb 16/6.

Signed and sealed

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Serial No.

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37 A draft order regarding the abolition of the Explosives Section of the Dept. of Mines is put up. It will be submitted to the First member for initial approval as desired in this minute dated 21/6/22 in the file.

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38 Secretariat Table 21/6/22

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33 Submitted to Dewan

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35 Forwarded to General Secretary with enclosures for necessary action

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36 (1) Issue.

(2) 37 Take further action about posting Staff

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Draft & para communicating the order
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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read: The Resolution of the Special Finance Committee recommending the abolition of the Explosives Branch of the Mines Department resulting in an annual saving of Rs 12000.

Order No. Fc. 6306-66/ 29th June 1922.

The appointment of Inspector of Explosives was first created in 1900 in Government Notification No. 113-G. dated 5th October 1900 under which the State Geologist, Dr. Smeeth, was appointed as Chief Inspector of Explosives in Mysore in addition to his own duties. In 1905 Mr. A.T. Setlur, Assistant Geologist, was appointed as Inspector of Explosives to work under the Chief Inspector. When the Geological Department was reorganised in 1915, Mr. Setlur was appointed Inspector of Explosives and Deputy Inspector of Mines. In September 1919 when the Mining Branch of the Department of Mines and Geology was separated from the Geological Department, the Explosives section was placed under the administrative control of the Chief Inspector of Mines under G.O. No. G. 7041-7100/Geol. 69-18-11 dated 18th Septr. 1919. The Inspector of Explosives was under this order divested of his duties of Deputy Inspector of Mines. In September 1920 a Probationer was appointed with a view to his being appointed as Assistant Inspector of Explosives after a period of probation of two years. After the reorganisation of the Department of Mines and Geology in 1919 the Inspector of Explosives was given a small establishment consisting of one clerk, one duffedar and three peons costing Rs. 828 per annum under G.O. No. G. 9393-7/Geol. 35-20-2 dated

dated 15th November 1920.

The question regarding the continuance of the Explosives Branch was considered by the Special Finance Committee. The Committee recommend that the separate Explosives Section may be abolished and the work done by the Inspector of Explosives at present ~~may be~~ entrusted to the Chief Inspector of Mines and his subordinates. These proposals will result in a saving of Rs. 1,2000 per annum.

After a careful consideration of the question Government are pleased to accept the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee. The inspections required to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Explosives Regulation are being attended to by the District Magistrates and the magazines which were hitherto being inspected by the Inspector of Explosives can well be looked after by the Chief Inspector of Mines as the ~~all~~ most magazines are located within the area of the Kolar Gold Fields at which the Chief Inspector of Mines has his head quarters. The office of the Inspector of Explosives may therefore be abolished and the present officer, Mr. A.T. Setlur, retired on a compensation pension. The probationer appointed in 1920 and the office staff sanctioned to the Explosives section will also be dealt with under Arts. 292 and 301 of the M,S.R. if they cannot be provided for otherwise.

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

The Chief Inspector of Mines in My
The Comptroller thro' the Finl. Sectt.
~~Copy to Spl. Officer (Finance)~~

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